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SUBJECT: FRENCH INVITATIONS TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU
AND QUEBEC PREMIER BOURASSA

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1. EMBOFF ASKED FOREIGN MINISTRY CANADIAN AFFAIRS
DIRECTOR PONSOLLE ABOUT MONTREAL GAZETTE STORY REPORTED
REFTEL. PONSOLLE SAID THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO DIFFERENCE
IN THE MEANS USED TO INVITE BOTH TRUDEAU AND BOURASSA.
BOTH INVITATIONS WERE FROM THE "GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE,"
AND BOTH WERE TRANSMITTED VIA THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PONSOLLE SAID THERE NO TRUTH TO STORY
THAT BOURASSA'S INVITATION CAME FROM FRENCH PRESIDENT'S
PERSONAL SECRETARY.

2. PONSOLLE CONFIRMED DECEMBER 5-6 AS DATES FOR
BOURASSA'S VISIT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT MOST SIGNIFICANT
FACT IS THAT TRUDEAU IS COMING FIRST IN OCTOBER, A CLEAR
SIGNAL THAT FRANCE ATTACHES GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO NOR-
MALIZING RELATIONS WITH OTTAWA. CANADIAN EMBASSY
COUNSELOR GILBERT TOLD US HE AGREED WITH LATTER ASSESS-
MENT.

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